COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

PERCENT FOR ART IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: An amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to establish a Percent for Art in Private Development Ordinance

REQUEST: Approval and adopt the proposed amendment to Title 22

LOCATION: Countywide

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RPC MEETING DATE: April 24, 2019

RPC RECOMMENDATION: Board public hearing to consider adoption of proposed ordinance

MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Louie, Moon, Smith, Shell and Modugno

MEMBERS VOTING NO: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

BOARD HEARING: July 23, 2019

KEY ISSUES:

• Two Board motions, both dated March 14, 2017, directed the Chief Executive Officer and Arts Commission to develop a Percent for Art ordinance for Title 22 and bring it to Regional Planning Commission for review and approval, and to direct Art Commission, Regional Planning, and Consumer and Business Affairs to solicit input from community stakeholders and report back to the Board.

• The County has a Civic Art Policy that includes an existing Percent for Art program for all capital improvement projects and projects that receive County funds, but no program for private development.

• The County General Plan includes policies to encourage art and culture in community-based planning efforts, and promote public art and cultural amenities that support the communities.

• Thirty-six cities within Los Angeles County already have similar percent for art in private development programs.
The Percent for Art in Private Development Ordinance would increase the availability of and access to civic art on private property or invest into existing and future civic art for the public throughout the County.

**MAJOR POINTS FOR:**

- Provision of civic art through private development will dramatically increase exposure and access to the arts and culture for the County’s constituents.
- The Ordinance will encourage partnerships between developers and local artists to provide art. These partnerships would provide jobs and recognition for the local artist community in the County.
- The ordinance aligns with the County Civic Art Plan and the County General Plan to increase art and cultural assets Countywide.

**MAJOR POINTS AGAINST:**

- Additional costs would be imposed on a development project to set aside one percent of the building valuation for the project to provide art or culture, or to pay an in-lieu fee to support civic art.
- The fee or the cost of providing art will be added to many other mandatory fees the developer has to pay or provide to mitigate impacts of the development to the neighborhood – including fees for schools, libraries, public safety, parks, sewer and street improvements.